¶ By the Lords of His Maieſties Priuie Councell.

WHereas in diuers Ports of this Kingdome, the Officers of the ſaid Ports doe exact a certaine pettie duety, commonly called Head-money, vpon euery Paſſenger, aſwell at their going forth, as at their entrance into the Kingdome, which is now abſolutely taken away and aboliſhed, by a Treatie ſome few yeeres ſince made and concluded betwixt His Maieſtie and the moſt Chriſtian French King, that now is, both in theſe His Maieſties Kingdomes, as alſo in the Realme of France, and all other Dominions belonging to that Crowne, as concerning thoſe of the Engliſh and French Nation: Theſe ſhall bee to let you knowe, that His Maieſtie intending (as alwaies hee hath done) really to obſerue the ſaid Treaty in that and all other Articles therein contained, hath giuen ſtrait charge and commandement, that no Officer, nor other perſon whomſoeuer, ſhall preſume hereafter to exact or demand the ſaid Head-money, vpon any Subiects of His good Brother the moſt Chriſtian French King, that ſhall haue occaſion to paſſe at that Port, or any the members thereof, either at his going forth or landing, but that it may bee free for all ſuch perſons, of What condition or degree ſoeuer, againſt whome there ſhall bee no other particular cauſe of reſtraint to paſſe, as aforeſaid, without the exaction of this or any duetie of the like nature Whatſoeuer. To which His Maieſties Royall pleaſure and expreſſe commandement; Wee doe in his Highneſſe name ſtraitly charge and command you and euery of you, Whome it may concerne, to conforme your ſelues that you doe not henceforth demaund, or ſuffer to be demaunded the ſaid pretended duetie commonly called Head-money, nor any thing in the nature or Lieu thereof, as you will anſwere the contrary at your perill, and as you will auoid His Maieſties high diſpleaſure.

Giuen at the Court at Whitehall the fifteenth of March, in the fifteenth yeere of his Maieſties Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the one and fifty, 1617.

To all Maiors, Portreeues, Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Searchers of Ports, and all other his Maieſties Officers Whom it may concerne, and to euery of them.

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